

WILLIAMSBURG CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES SEPTEMBER 8, 2003

The Williamsburg City Council held a work session on September 8, 2003, at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Stryker Building.

ATTENDANCE

Present were Ms. Zeidler, Messrs. Haulman, Scruggs and Tabb. Also present were City Manager Tuttle, City Attorney Phillips, and City Clerk Crist. Mr. Houghland was absent.

Staff Attending: Department Heads Nester, Serra, Yost, Walentisch and Assistant City Manager Jodi Miller.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Zeidler called the meeting to order. Mayor Zeidler said that Mr. Houghland was not present because of a family obligation.

OPEN FORUM

Mayor Zeidler opened the session for public comment.

BACKGROUND PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS

What Kind of Community?" President Tim Sullivan, College of William and Mary

Mayor Zeidler said she was pleased to welcome President Sullivan.

President Sullivan greeted Council and thanked them for the opportunity to speak candidly about the critical relationship between the College and City of Williamsburg. More than ten years ago he promised a new partnership between the College and Williamsburg. The President highlighted the accomplishments over the last decade, the challenges ahead, and his suggestions on how to move forward. He addressed construction on the campus, Barksdale Field and Jamestown Road, the business school, growth of the college and character of the community. He addressed three immediate challenges: Satellite Parking, Lake Matoaka Amphitheater, and Economic Prosperity. (See President Sullivan's Comments Attached.)

Mayor Zeidler and Council members were appreciative of the President's remarks.

Mr. Tabb looked forward to receiving the results of the Jamestown Road study, as did Mr. Scruggs.

Mr. Haulman voiced his concerns about the issue of off-campus student housing. More than 3,000 students live in the community. The Sharpe Study found that students living off campus want to be close to campus. The College needs to address the impact of student housing rentals in city neighborhoods. "Team" houses can be the worst offenders. The College has done little to prepare the students for living off-campus, and the Sharpe's student off-campus housing website was dropped over the summer. This needs to be made a priority.

President Sullivan said that while the city has developed legal tools to address rental housing, the college could and will do more to help, such as moving traffic out of neighborhoods. The college is dedicated to controlling the size of the student body. His office is open to working with the city.

Mayor Zeidler said that a great increase in enrollment at the College would impact the campus and the city, as was evident in Charlottesville. She did not want our neighborhoods to look like the ones around the campus of the University of Virginia. The problems need to be recognized and resolved. Satellite parking is overdue. We need to put cars elsewhere during the week. The Lake Matoaka Amphitheater is a gem in our community and there needs to be dialog about what kind of facility is wanted and needed, and to look at options. We must work together to ensure our community's prosperity.

Mayor Zeidler appreciated the President's initiation of meetings between the city and College for discussion of common areas of interest.

President Sullivan thanked Council members for the opportunity to share his thoughts, and for their commitment and service to our community.

Mayor Zeidler congratulated the College on its recent high ranking in US News and World Report.

Virginia Arts Festival Presentation, Scott Jackson

The Mayor welcomed Mr. Scott Jackson, General Manager of the Virginia Arts Festival. Council was provided with copies of articles regarding the Festival.

Mr. Scott Jackson thanked Council for their support of the 2003 Arts Festival. The 2003 Festival was a great success with a great collection of performances. The inaugural "Festival Williamsburg" fulfilled its goals. A random survey taken during the Festival revealed that twenty-five percent of those who attended were from out of town. He appreciated the working partnerships with the City manager's Office, the College, and Colonial Williamsburg. He hoped to build on last year's success and hoped to get earlier press coverage.

Mayor Zeidler thanked Mr. Jackson for the fantastic weekend. It was fun, with a variety of events. People loved the concerts. Council members were pleased that the Festival was a success and were looking forward to next year. Mr. Jackson responded to Mr. Scruggs that he would provide Council with data about the revenue generated as a result of the event.

Mayor Zeidler said that she would like to see Williamsburg promoted as a cultural and arts destination as well as a strong history and education destination. The city needs to building on this to insure its prosperity. She thanked Mr. Jackson for his management of a quality event.

Discussion of General Assembly 2004 Legislative Priorities

Reference for this matter was Mr. Tuttle's report dated September 4, 2003, which included a draft list of known legislative items and issues. Mr. Tuttle said he would bring a resolution and list of priorities to Council's October meeting. Ms. Miller will make the presentation. Council members made comments/suggestions. Mr. Haulman suggested the items be categorized and

prioritized, such as Constitutional Issues, Fiscal Impact on City, and Economic Base of Community.

The Mayor quipped that Mr. Houghland would want to see everything on one page. Getting the State to meet their obligations is the priority of the legislative agenda. Staff will contact the College and CWF about items they may have to be incorporated on the city's list, as well as VML's legislative package and the Hampton Roads/Peninsula's Mayors and Chairs packages.

PREVIEW OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING – September 11, 2003

Council members received a copy of the September 11 agenda.

Jamestown Road Traffic and Parking Study: Mr. Tuttle informed Council that the recommendation would be received just before the meeting.

Cellular Telephone Tax: Mr. Tuttle will look into the timing of billing for the tax.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS—September 2003

Council members received a copy of the September meeting calendar.

United Way Day of Caring: Thursday, September 11. The kick-off event will be held at the Williamsburg Music Theater at 8:00 a.m. City volunteers will work on projects at the Blayton Building, painting the utility room and doing landscaping work.

OPEN FORUM

Mayor Zeidler opened the session for public comment.
No one wished to speak. The session was closed.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Tabb Moved that City Council go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of discussing one personnel matter per subparagraph 1 concerning appointments to Boards and Commissions, and one legal matter per subparagraph 7 for the purpose of consultation with legal counsel pertaining to actual or probable litigation. The Motion Was Seconded by Mr. Haulman.

Recorded Vote on the Motion:

Aye: Haulman, Scruggs, Zeidler, Tabb

No: None

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. (Mayor Zeidler called a five-minute recess.)

At 3:28 p.m., Council met in Open Session.

Mr. Tabb Moved the Certification of Closed Meeting. The Motion was Seconded by Mr. Haulman.

Recorded Vote on the Motion:

Aye: Haulman, Zeidler, Scruggs, Tabb

No: None

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

Date: September 8, 2003

Motion: Mr. Tabb Second: Mr. Haulman

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Williamsburg has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the City Council that such meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Williamsburg hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed session were heard, discussed or considered by the City of Williamsburg.

VOTE:

Aye: Haulman, Scruggs, Zeidler, Tabb

No: None

Absent During Vote: Houghland

Absent During Meeting: Houghland

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Approved: October 9, 2003

Shelia Y. Crist, Clerk

Jeanne Zeidler, Mayor